

H. R. 145.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

MAY 2, 1820.

Twice read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

AN ACT

To prevent the commanders and other officers in the naval service of the United States, from accepting of any present, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 no commander or other officer in the naval service of the
4 United States, shall accept of any present, or emolument of
5 any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That no commander*
2 or other officer in the naval service of the United States, with-
3 out the order of the President of the United States, or of the
4 Navy Department, shall transport, as a passenger, any person
5 in the naval or military service of a foreign government en-
6 gaged in war.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no commander
2 or other officer in the naval service of the United States, with-
3 out the order of the President of the United States, or of the
4 Navy Department, shall receive on board his vessel any gold,
5 silver, or jewels, unless the said gold, silver, or jewels, be
6 really and bona fide the property of a citizen or citizens of
7 the United States; nor shall such gold, silver, or jewels, al-
8 though really and bona fide owned by a citizen or citizens of
9 the United States, be received and transported by any com-
10 mander or other officer in the naval service of the United
11 States, unless from ~~the foreign relations of the country~~, or
12 some peculiar circumstance, such gold, silver, or jewels, could
13 could not, with equal safety, be transported in a private
14 vessel.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That compensation or
2 freight shall, in no instance, be charged or received for arti-
3 cles transported in vessels of the United States, except for
4 gold, silver, or jewels, really owned by a citizen or citizens of
5 the United States, on the transportation of which articles,
6 (when authorized by this act,) the commander, or other offi-
7 cer, on the delivery of the said articles, shall be authorized to
8 receive a compensation not exceeding one per cent. the amount
9 whereof shall be divided, under the direction of the Secretary
10 of the Navy, according to rank, among all the officers attached
11 to the ship or vessel.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if any com-
2 mander or other officer in the naval service of the United
3 States, contrary to the provisions of this act, and in violation
4 of the constitution of the United States, shall accept of any
5 present, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any king,
6 prince, or foreign state, such commander or other officer shall
7 be immediately dismissed from the naval service of the United
8 States; that any commander or other officer in the naval ser-
9 vice of the United States, who shall, in violation of the provi-
10 sions of this act, transport, as a passenger, any person in the
11 naval or military service of a foreign government engaged in
12 war, or charge and receive compensation or freight for arti-
13 cles transported in a ship or vessel of the United States, con-
14 trary to the intent and meaning of this act, such commander
15 or officer shall be suspended from service for any period not
16 exceeding three years, which the President of the United
17 States, in his discretion, may order.

May 2, 1820.

Passed the House of Representatives.

ATTEST,

THOMAS DOUGHERTY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.